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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment of July 17, 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,5-9,12,23,25-27,48 and 49.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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Examiner's Amendment

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Robert Marshall (Reg. No. 28,527) on September 17, 2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 5, line 1, "The method of claim 4" has been changed to --The method of claim 1--.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed July 17, 2006 have been fully considered and are persuasive.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1, 5-9, 12, 23, 25-27 and 48-49 are allowed (renumbered as 1-8, 11, 9-10 and 12-13, respectively).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kevin Harper whose telephone number is 571-272-3166. The examiner can normally be reached weekdays from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM ET.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Doris To, can be reached at 571-272-7629. The centralized fax number for the Patent Office is 571-273-8300. For non-official communications, the examiner's personal fax number is 571-273-3166 and the examiner's e-mail address is kevin.harper@uspto.gov.

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September 17, 2006